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(54) **Mercury-free high-intensity discharge lamp operating apparatus and mercury-free metal halide lamp**

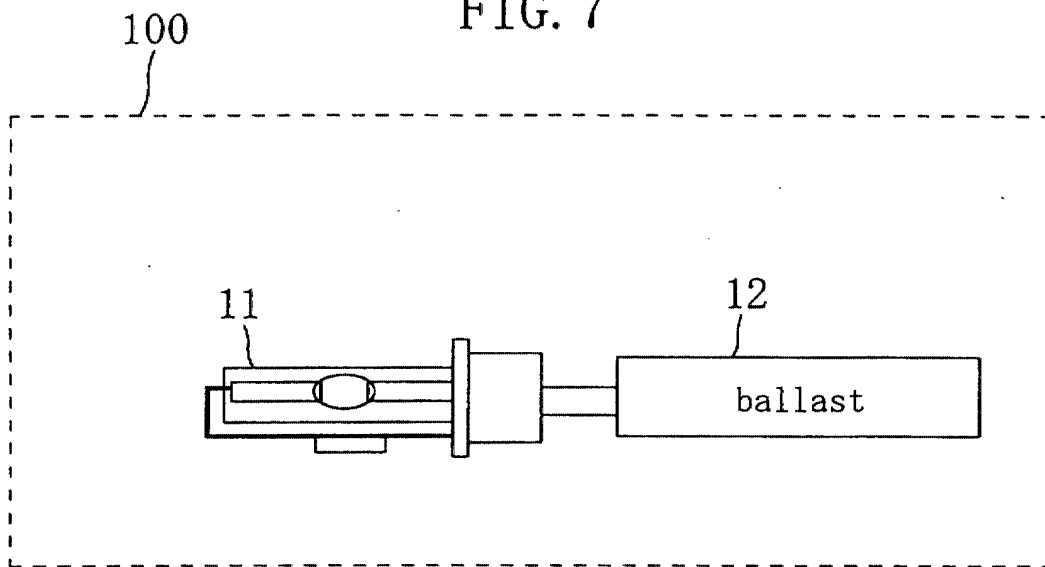
(57) A mercury-free high-intensity discharge lamp operating apparatus (100) includes a horizontally operated high-intensity discharge lamp (11) including an arc tube (1) in which a luminous material (6) is enclosed and a pair of electrodes (3) are arranged in the arc tube (1); a ballast (12) including an alternating current generation means for supplying alternating current to the pair of electrodes (3); and a magnetic field application means (10) for applying in substantially vertical direction a magnetic field having a component that is substantially perpendicular to a straight line connecting heads of the pair of electrodes (3); wherein mercury is not included as the luminous material in the arc tube. The present invention satisfies the relationship

$$0 < (100BW / f) - P_o d < 100$$

wherein B(mT) is the magnetic field applied to a center between the heads of the pair of electrodes (3), d(mm) is a distance between the heads of the pair of electrodes (3), P_o (MPa) is a pressure inside the arc tube (1) during steady-state operation, W(W) is a power consumed during steady-state operation, and f(Hz) is a steady-state frequency during steady-state operation.

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Method of using discharge lamps

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